Extension of Railway Services upto Kumarghat

219. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for going to Kumarghat Railways are forcing the rail passengers to have shiftings at Guwahati, Lumding and again at Guwahati;

(b) whether Government have received complaints of incovenience from public; if so, what action has been taken thereon; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to introduce train services from Calcutta to Lumding for the convenience of the people of Tripura as Lumding is connected with Kumarghat by Tripura Express?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b). Yes Sir, with the conversion of Guwahati-Lumding section into Broad Gauge passengers travelling upto Lumding now do not have to break journey at Guwahati. However, those travelling to Kumarghat have to change at Lumding instead of at Guwahati before conversion.

(c) At present there is no such proposal.

Imposing moratorium on Recruitment

220. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI MD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to impose moratorium with immediate effect on further recruitment of all categories of employees from this year; and

(b) if so, whether Government would give assurance that by such a decision efficiency of the Railways will not be affected?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWA
(SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF
(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Flagging off of miniature ste locomotive

221. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will Minister of RAILWAYS be plea to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some year old miniature steam locomotive been flagged off on its maiden run Rail Transport Museum at New D during November, 1994;

(b) if so, the details thereof with c racteristics of this unique locomotive

(c) whether running of this locomo for eight hours continuously will n some expenses;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether running display of locomotive is available at all R.T.M of country;

(f) if so, the names of such R.T. with timings of display at each;

(g) whether Government propose make sale of these locomotives to pe on demand; and

(h) if so, the tentative cost prop to be fixed and if not, the rea therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILW
(SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIE
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This 1.9 meters (6') long m ture mode of WORSDELL 'M' 4-4-0 locomotive which was kept as an exl in the Rail Transport Museum has